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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: ROGER H. GRANBO *RHG*
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Jeffrey Kovacs v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 04-557

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

RHG:scr

Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Jeffrey Kovacs v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. CV 04-557 in the amount of \$1,000,000 plus the assumption of the Medi-Cal lien in the amount of \$250,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's and the Department of Health Services' budgets.

This lawsuit alleges deliberate indifference to the medical needs of an inmate while in the custody of the Sheriff's Department and also while he was a patient at one of the facilities operated by the Department of Health Services.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jeffrey Kovacs v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 579 094
COURT	U.S. District Court (Central)
DATE FILED	April 16, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$1,000,000 plus the assumption of the Medi-Cal lien in the amount of \$250,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Lee A. Sherman, Esq. Nardo J. Catahan, Esq. Callahan Thompson Sherman & Caudill LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Jeffrey Kovacs was in Los Angeles County jail. He developed an ear infection for which he received care from providers at Los Angeles County jail and LAC+USC Medical Center. Mr. Kovacs' infection became complicated. He underwent a surgery as a result of his infection. Mr. Kovacs filed a lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles, and some of the providers at Los Angeles County jail and LAC+USC Medical Center. Mr. Kovacs contends that the County providers did not adequately treat his ear infection.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 227,068
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 93,358